



Congregational Christian Church
The Red Brick Church in Stillman Valley
(Evangelical, Independent)

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OCT 2020
NEWSLETTER
TIME OF SERVICES
9:00 & 10:30 am

*Count the ways the view through our NEW windows frames the vision for our church . . . **God used so many of YOU to see these windows installed.***

The windows are framed in the Brick Center. Today, Pastor David and I looked out through them at Meridian Junior High and the district office.

The view in the image to the right pictures so many ways we pray God will bless our community through our church.

1. **Children and young people who learn about Jesus** – Our children are our future and looking to the courtyard and thinking about young people from Byron, Stillman Valley, Davis Junction, Oregon, Monroe Center, and so many other places excites me for how this facility can be used.

This building will be a place where we tell young people that the Lord Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6).

Notice the bus! I timed the picture. Our Brick Center is at a crossroads.

2. **A blessing for our country** – The United States flag is in view across the street and we are all aware this is a divided and broken time for our country. There will be no quick solutions. Only revival and a turning of hearts will address the core issues whether it is racism or the sanctity of life. In either case, we pray that our church and other local churches are “salt” and “light.” We must make Jesus known.
3. **Equipped Parents** – I am looking forward to the day when parents gather in this space to be encouraged and equipped. We so need godly parents. But parenting is such a demanding call.
4. **Sharing Life Together / Community** – “God makes bricks with a building in mind.” The vision is that our church family will be mortared together in community. The Brick Center will host people of all ages. Imagine hot coffee and pie in our new space!
5. **The grace of giving** – So many of us have given so sacrificially to see these bricks mortared together. God provided and God made this happen. But God works through the instrumentality of people including your hard work. Many of you --- most of you --- have worked yourself to the point of exhaustion to provide for your families and give to the Lord’s work. God knows your generosity and that your treasures are stored up in heaven (Matthew 6:19-21).

Thank God for this view and know that without so many of you doing your part it never would have happened.



CHAIRMAN OF BOARDS/COMMITTEE

Deacon Board – Stephen Brass	218-5076
Deaconess Board – Deb Bonne	979-0885
Trustee Board – Brad Baker	670-0039
CE Committee – Marlene Miller	289-8453
Memorial Com. – Jeff McLindsay	440-2042
Missions Com. – Cathy Midtsem	979-3715
Music Committee – Lance Mennen	985-2484

**November Newsletter
Articles
are due in the
church office by
Friday, October 30th**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through September 30, 2020

Total Approved 2020 Budget = \$453,848

Divided by 52 weeks/year = **\$8,728**

Budget Giving through Sept 30	\$340,392
Actual Giving through Sept 30.....	\$291,987
Budget Giving vs. Actual Giving	\$-48,405
Actual Expenses through 9/30/20.....	\$292,824
Actual Giving less Actual Expenses	\$-837



**Do we
have
your
e-mail
address?**

If the church office does not have your email address, please be sure to email your address to the office at the following email address:

cccoffice1@comcast.net

The email address for Pastor Chris is:

cdbrauns@gmail.com

The email address for Pastor David is:

davidbogner4@gmail.com

We will be emailing out announcements, news articles, coming events, etc., so don't miss out!! Be sure we have your email address.



All boards and committees should begin to start thinking about and working on their 2021 budgets.

The Trustee Board would like to have all budgets to them NO later than December 1st.

College and Military Care Packages

If you have an away full-time college student or son/daughter in the military from the Red Brick Church, please fill out this [FORM](#) with their current mailing information for them to receive a package. **We need to have all names and addresses by NOON on Friday, October 9th.** We ask that you please complete the form for those in your family asap so we know approximately how many packages we will be filling this year.

We also need donations for our boxes!! Please leave donations (*individually wrapped* store bought only please) on the front or back porch of the administration building or with Jana in the church office. Please drop off donations no later than Noon on Friday, October 16th.

Our youth will be packing up the boxes on Saturday, October 17th from 4 – 7 pm. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. This is something that our away college students and those in the military look forward to receiving each year.



Women's Bible Studies

All of our Women's Bible Studies have been meeting through September and are doing the study by Jennifer Rothschild called "**Take Courage: A Study of Haggai**". If you are interested in learning about any of our studies, please contact Jamie Brauns or Marcia Bogner.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS ...

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. Isaiah 55:8

The pandemic continues to offer lessons in discipleship as we seek to follow Christ faithfully in this unique season. See You at the Pole looked different in practice. Normally students gather around the flagpole at their respective schools to read Scripture, sing songs of praise, and pray during this annual event on the fourth Wednesday in September. 2020 marked the 30th year for this global day of prayer.

In Stillman Valley, God multiplied the event three-fold as there were student gatherings on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday during the week of September 21. Students attending the junior high on Monday and Tuesday this Fall gathered on Tuesday. The senior high met on Wednesday morning, a day when all students in the district are attending class remotely. Junior high students attending on Thursday and Friday gathered on Thursday of that week. God does more than we ask or imagine!

Youth group afternoons resume in October. These gatherings are most first and third Sundays through the month of April. We meet for lunch together in the church basement at noon. The Senior High goes to the Bogner home for the balance of our time together. The Junior High stays at the church for a devotional and games.

October also has a couple of fun activities planned for the youth. On Oct. 17 at 4:00 p.m., we will enjoy outdoor games and fellowship with a service objective. We will prepare care packages for shipment to our college students and military. You may get involved by dropping off donations at the church office on the front or back porch by October 16 at noon.

We close the month of October with another outdoor event, weather permitting, at the Guske home. More details to follow in the coming weeks



- October 3rd - Lee Hickey
- October 6th - Connie Rhodes
- October 7th - Julie Larson, Haley Jones
- October 8th - Daphne Long
- October 10th - Gary Larson, Amanda Geiseman
- Chloe Mennen
- October 11th - Darren Daniels
- October 12th - Candy Beck
- October 13th - Jaden Coester, George Myers
- Greg Tremble
- October 17th - Atalie Gebbia
- October 21st - Rebekah Anderson, Lily Griffin
- October 23rd - Patrick Roberts, Terri Carby
- October 29th - Elizabeth Miller
- Nov 3rd - Sebastian Cardenas



Anniversary

- October 4th - Dean and Claudia Phil
- October 15th - Terrell and Terri Carby
- October 19th - Ben and Pat Chitwood
- October 20th - Dick and Shirley Johann
- October 28th - Elliot and Rebekah Anderson



THEME NIGHTS

Wednesday, October 7th

Something new this year! Tonight is "Show Your Pet Night"! Your leaders are looking forward to seeing your pets tonight via zoom.

Wednesday, October 14th

It's Hawaiian Night. Wear something Hawaiian!

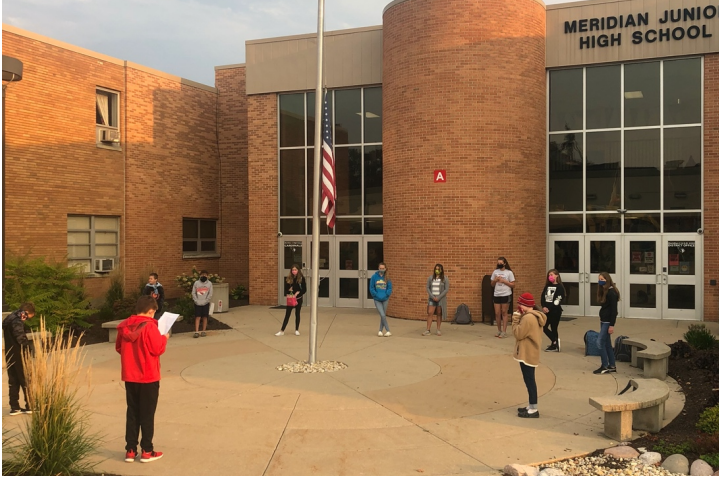
Wednesday, October 21st

We are doing "Favorite Bible Verse" night. Tell your leader your favorite verse of Scripture.

Wednesday, October 28th

We got "Crazy Sock Night" on the 28th! Get ready to show your leader your craziest socks!

YOUTH GROUP PICTURES ...



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